[4th February 1936

Appendix IX.

[Vide item XI (1) on page 515 supra.]

Public Works and Labour Department.

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

[Subject.—*Preference to Coimbatore cement.*]

With reference to interpellation No. 378 answered on 1st November 1935, the following note is laid on the table of the House:—

The Chief Engineer (General, Buildings and Roads), has reported that the cement manufactured in the Coimbatore Cement factory, viz., the "Nilgiri" Brand cement has been used on Government works and that its quality has been found to be satisfactory. This cement is one of the brands included in the Indian Stores Department annual contract. The price is fixed by the Cement Marketing Company of India and is governed by the rate contract entered into with the Company by the Indian Stores Department but it is not in any way more favourable than the price of cement manufactured elsewhere. In fact the price is higher within 50 miles of the factory than at ports hundreds of miles away which is presumably due to the necessity to keep down prices at ports to meet outside competition.

No special instructions have been issued to the officers of the Public Works Department and of other departments asking them to give preference to the Coimbatore cement, but a letter of the Chief Controller of Stores, Indian Stores Department, dated 9th January 1935, authorizing the inclusion of this cement as an approved brand of cement for supply against Indian Stores Department rate contracts has been communicated to the officers of the Public Works Department for information.

W. Scott Brown,
Secretary to Government.

20th January 1936.

Appendix X.

[Vide item XI (2) on page 515 supra.]

G.O. No. 1688, Development, dated 3rd December 1935.

Read—the following papers:—

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G.O. No. 1513, Development, dated 31st October 1935.